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## Welcome!

### FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Happy New Year from everyone at Rolls Crescent! I hope everyone had a happy holiday, it was good to see our families back last Monday, even if it was a cold January morning. As you can see from our newsletter there were many exciting experiences taking place along with our annual celebrations at the end of term.

Can I remind you of our raffle (many prizes are still left unclaimed,) below are winning numbers.

Adult Raffle 32, 251, 300 and 34  
Children's Raffle 84

Finally, you may notice staff holding our new parking banners at the side of the road

### CODE CLUB NEWS

The last Code Club before Christmas was a trip out to UKFast, a local business in Hulme, where one of our dedicated volunteers Chris Marsh works. Chris showed us around the amazing building complete with chill out zone where workers can have power naps on comfy sofas when they need to top up their energy. They also have a gym, games area (complete with an Xbox and pool table), bar and the convention room with a huge screen. It looks like a fantastic place to work! We had

over the next weeks. I hope you will support us with our aim to making the roads around school safer and less congested.

Mr Reynolds

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In Nursery we have been learning about ourselves and what makes us special. We talked about ourselves and our families. We enjoyed celebrating Christmas and we all had a wonderful time performing in our Nativity for little ones.



a great time playing with the Makey Makey banana piano and Chris presented the Code Clubbers with their Level 2 certificates. The children have worked really hard this term and created some fantastic games - definitely some coders for the future in this group!



## **Year 5 Fascinating Space**

At the end of last term we went on a school trip to Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre in Cheshire. We were studying the Ancient Greeks and our related science topic was Space (and as the Ancient Greeks made many scientific discoveries in this area we arranged this trip.) The children all enjoyed the day and took part in two workshops; the first was in the Planetarium and they showed us, the stars, planets and pointed out the constellations including the ones that the Greeks found. The second part was a workshop with hands-on experiments which the children really enjoyed. The day was lovely and



### **3A Christmas Fun**

Last half term children in class 3A went on an exciting visit to the Zion Centre. The children were exceptional helpers, as they had to stop the evil scientist from ruining Christmas. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and were also taught a dance routine and played team building games.

we also got time to spend in the outdoor area looking at the Lovell radio telescope, the whispering dishes and other 'experiments' concerning the planets in the Solar System. The children were also fascinated by the photos, pictures and the working model of the Solar System in the discovery centre. A great time was had by all.

## **Year 2**

### **I've got Chills....**

During the first term back at Rolls Crescent, the children in Year 2 got the opportunity to enjoy a trip to the Chill Factor to experience Arctic conditions to enhance their learning for our What is at the Ends of the Earth topic.

## **Year 1 Lots of Learning..for parents, carers and children**

Year 1 would like to say thank you to all the parents who came to watch our performance the children really enjoyed it.

Our new topic this half term is, 'What lives in Our World', we will be learning about plants and animals and how they grow. We will also be going on a trip linking to this topic, in Maths we are learning about halves and quarters and in English we will be writing our own fantasy story.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 13th January for all year 1 parents about the phonics reading check that year 1 children will be taking part in later in the year. It starts at 3.10pm please go to your child's classroom and ask class teacher for any more information.

Happy New Year!

Miss Lightup, Miss Frankland, Miss Mulholland

## **MOUNTAINS OF WORK!**

In year 4 we had a very exciting topic on mountains where we learnt all about mountains across the world and local mountains. We looked at the features of a mountain and what the difference was between a mountain and a hill. We started off the topic with a hook where Mrs Frier being stranded on a local mountain (mountain Snowdon). A bag was found by the mountain rescue and the equipment was traced back to Rolls Crescent and when she arrived in school she was not in a great way. She was interviewed and hot seated by the children. We used the text 'touching the void' with Simon and Joe and visited a local hill in Ramsbottom. The trip was a huge success where all children took notes on their feelings and senses and we had our lunch at the top of the hill while taking pictures.



The children completed a project on mountains. The week before Christmas we presented them in the hall and two winners were presented for information collected and secondly for the presentational skills used in delivery.

In English we covered the genre of recounts, descriptive writing and performance poetry. We ended up writing a magazine article in relation to the text we used.

In Maths we designed a new restaurant at the top of mount Snowdon and the children were given a certain area and had to draw a scale drawing using one square being 1m sq. They designed all the different parts of their restaurant and then as project managers had to sell their idea to the panel of buyers. They took it very seriously.



We went to a pantomime as a Christmas treat and went to the Chill Factor which concluded our topic on mountains, these were both received really well by all children. The highlight of the two must of been when Mr Donlan was asked on to the stage by the ugly sisters at the pantomime; he was very popular!!

## **Rolls crescent Teamwork**

By Mohammedamin Osman Education Correspondent

A group of football fanatics from year 5 and year 6 have been selected to represent our school in tournaments in early March. The pupils will be playing in schools in our community, for example: Wilbraham Primary School, Chorlton Park and St. Johns. 6B pupil Abdullahi Ahmed claimed he likes it because people work together well and try hard. He commented, "I really like the great teamwork and the perseverance of the team. Also, I'm really looking forward to the tournaments."

## **World Book Bonanza**

**By Salmah Elwefalli**

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, schools all over the world will be hosting World Book Day; this event is all about enjoying books and having fun with them. Mr Reynolds ( our head teacher ) explained the importance of World Book Day. He emphasised, ' World Book Day is all about having fun with book. We have lessons on books and we know how to read yet this day is all about having fun with books! ' This year there will be bookstalls, free books, competitions, prizes and much, much more!

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## **Pupils Perform**

**Perform Christmas**

**Production**

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014, lots of children performed a Christmas production for the KS2 pupils and parents at Rolls Crescent Primary School to let the people know the true meaning of Christmas. Mrs Zaidi and the other teachers helped. We had to have a lot of practice with Mrs Zaidi and other teachers. ChiChi commented that it was the best Christmas production she had ever seen. ' The vocals were beautiful! ' she claimed.

**Journey to Madagascar**

By: Luay Deradji,

School Correspondent

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December Y6 and Y5 went to the AMC to watch the blockbuster movie Penguins of Madagascar. They went for a Christmas treat. After the movie they came back to School and had fabulous pizza and chips. Mrs Heginbotham stated she was a little unsure that the film might be appalling, however she explained, "I thoroughly enjoyed it."

## **Bye – Bye cars, hello bikers!**

By Richana carty, education correspondent

Eight lucky children from year six classes have been selected to learn bikeability. Bikeability is an event that starts on November 15<sup>th</sup> and ended on the 22<sup>nd</sup> . They have been learning on local roads with professional biking safety teachers. They can continue to do this I highschool! Le'shay Estaphan explained that she learnt a lot and the staff was humorous. "The guy was funny and I learnt a lot"

## ***Have you got what it takes?***

If you are in year 5 or 6 and you enjoyed 6A's poetry assembly last Thursday, do you think you have what it takes to do your own presentation? Can you select or learn a piece of inspiring poetry off by heart and present it to an audience in a dramatic way? Is your voice loud and clear or are you an 'erm-er'? Ms Warham is looking for entrants into a school competition. Get practising now!